

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 29 and extending to page 20, line 7, with the following:

As the wafer moves toward the engagement end **118** of the top track, the dislodgement leaf spring **129** of the wafer stay **125** contacts the wafer, as shown in **FIG. 15(c)**. The spring **129** pushes the wafer downward into the bottom track **120**. It can be seen in **FIG. 15(c)** that the pusher **135** is beneath the wafer. Once the wafer is disposed within the introduction opening **121** of the bottom track ~~**570**~~ **120**, the end **136** of the pusher can then contact the advancement notch **23** of the wafer. The advancer/pusher mechanism **92** is propelled toward the discharge end **64** of the apparatus, so the pusher end **136** continues to push the wafer until it is firmly positioned at the bottom of the distraction stack.

Please replace the paragraph on page 17 spanning lines 3-15, with the following:

Details of the track assembly **63** can be seen in **FIG. 13**. In the preferred embodiment, the track assembly **63** includes a top track **115**, a bottom track **120** and a wafer stay **125**. The track assembly **63** is mounted to the wafer cartridge **100**, which is mounted to the distal end **69** of the advancement gun **65**. In one embodiment, the end walls **61a** of the wafer cartridge housing **100** define a slot **103** into which the track assembly **63** is mounted. The top track includes a wafer insertion opening **116** that is disposed immediately beneath the wafer stack **101** when the track assembly is mounted within the slot **103**. The top track further defines a wafer channel **117** along its length that provides the initial path along which a succession of wafers can be advanced to the discharge end **64** (**FIG. 7**) of the apparatus. The end **118** of the top track is configured to engage the bottom track at a location **121**. Preferably, the end **118** is configured at portion **119** to wrap around the bottom track at this location and can be suitably affixed so that the track assembly **63** is substantially rigid.